

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES**DOCKET NO. 2019-185-E**

South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding to Establish Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies, Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements, Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes Small Power Producers as Defined in 16 United States Code 796, as Amended) - S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A)

On May 16, 2019, Governor Henry McMaster signed The South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (Act No. 62). S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20 (A) states, in part, "As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. ... Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public."

At its regularly scheduled Commission Business Meeting on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") held, in part, that its staff set prefile testimony deadlines and hearing dates for establishing Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's ("DEC" or the "Company") standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20. The Commission also ruled that the intervention deadline be Monday, August 12, 2019. (Order No. 2019-524)

A copy of the Company's filings can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2019-185-E. Additionally, a copy of the Company's filings are available from the corporate office at: Heather Shirley Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 40 W. Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 12, 2019**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2019-185-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **August 12, 2019**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2019-185-E.***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-41-20 and Order No. 2019-524, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Monday, October 21, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of

receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties. The hearing may continue through October 25, 2019, if necessary.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **8/14/2019**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **9/11/2019**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **10/2/2019**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **10/11/2019**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under *Docket No. 2019-185-E*.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2019-185-E*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

If the Company's filings in this case contain a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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